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## Simone de Beauvoir Institute

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The Simone de Beauvoir presents a lecture series on

### **Women and Aging**

The three talks for this "brown bag lunch" series will be presented in the Lounge of the Institute (2170 Bishop street) at 12h00 noon.

**November 19**      **Betty Nickerson**, author

will talk about her new book **Old and Smart: Women and Aging**.

Betty Nickerson is a writer from British Columbia. She has been working on numerous projects dealing with the creative process in children and children's creativity.

Her new book has a positive outlook on life. Nickerson suggests laughter and dancing, and wearing purple clothes. Some of the chapter headings include: Don't Believe Anyone Under Sixty; People with the Most Birthdays Live Longer; The Care and Treatment of Doctors. Sandy Duncan describes it as: "Timely, witty, intelligent... a how-to book for the rest of your life."

**November 20**      **Roslyn Belkin**, Professor, Department of English, Concordia University

"Literature in fiction; stereotypes on older women"

Dr. Belkin is presently working on a book about older women in the 19th and 20th century literature. Her first two chapters have been published by the **International Journal of Women's Studies**. The first chapter, "Rejects of the Marketplace," studies old maids in Charlotte

Bronte's **Shirley**. The second chapter, "According to their Age," looks at older women in George Meredith's **The Egoist**. Future chapters will deal with the stereotyping of older women, according to their age group, in James Clavell's 20th century novels.

**November 21**      **Dolores Pushkar Gold**, Director, Centre for Research in Human Development and Professor, Department of Psychology, Concordia University

"Employment Status and Well-being in Women"

Dr. Gold has taught courses in the Psychology of Aging and Women and Aging at the undergraduate level. She will be teaching a graduate seminar in the winter, 1992 on Gender and the Experience of Aging. She has been conducting research examining factors that help maintain emotional and cognitive competence in aging and has started a new research project examining the effects of employment status on the psychological and economic well-being of older college educated women. This study is being conducted with the cooperation of five universities in Quebec and Ontario.

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